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to the housing cover 200b, which is a factor of causing a phenomenon that the bearing 220 is deformed by thrust load from the pulley and the life of the transmission itself is shortened. To prevent such deformation of the bearing 220, it is necessary to make thinner the bearing retainer 240 that is in contact with the outer ring of the bearing 220 and thereby reduce its rigidity and hold the bearing 220 elastically with the bearing retainer 240. However, having a special sectional shape, such a bearing retainer 240 needs complex working and hence increases the cost.--

Page 6, replace the third full paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

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--More specifically, the bearing 12 is fitted in an inside circumferential surface 54a of a bearing mounting hole 54 that is formed in the end wall 2a and through which the primary shaft 4 penetrates. The flange 52 projects from the inside circumferential surface 54a on the housing inward side, from an inwardly facing side of the end wall, toward the primary shaft 4 and thereby decreases the diameter of the bearing mounting hole 54 there. The flange 52 is integral with the end wall 2a. The flange 52 is engaged with the housing-inward-side (right side in Fig. 1) side surface, which is the inwardly facing side surface of the bearing 12, and cooperates with the bearing retainer 48 in the axial direction of the primary shaft 4 to pinch the outer ring 12b of the bearing 12.--

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Page 11, replace the third full paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

--Prior to description of an assembling procedure, the following points are noted. The end wall 2a of the housing 2 has a first contact surface where the flange 52 is in contact with the bearing 12 and a second contact surface where the end wall 2a is contact with the cover 116 on the secondary shaft 84 side. The first contact surface and the second contact surface are reference surfaces P1 and P2, respectively. The distance between the reference surfaces P1 and P2 is determined accurately. Working is performed to form the bearing mounting holes 54 and 120 with the first contact surface and second contact surface used as references, respectively.